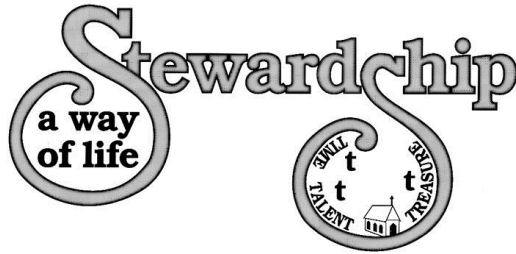


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SUNDAY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT CONTAIN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGES

September 3, 2017

(22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."
- **Stewardship Thought:** Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.
- Programs for young adults and senior citizens are important at (parish). Assure the continuation of these programs by a bequest in your Will.

September 10, 2017

(23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"
- **Stewardship Thought:** "What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?" (Psalm 116:12)
- Catholic education must continue to be available to young people. Help provide that opportunity by making a bequest in your Will for religious education at (parish name).

September 17, 2017

(24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- Stewardship is not optional! “None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master,” says St. Paul. “While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants.”
- Stewardship Thought: Christian stewardship takes a positive view on money. It sees money not only as a medium of exchange, but as a symbol of the person who has it. We are revealed through the actions of how we acquire it, use it, and share it.
- Have you considered a gift in your Will in memory of one of your pastors?

September 24, 2017

(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- In today’s Gospel, the vineyard owner says, “I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?” We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?
- Stewardship Thought: The heart grateful to God needs to find a way to express that gratitude. Some important ways to do that are through prayer, through service and through giving of one’s resources.
- Would you like to establish a permanent scholarship fund in memory of a loved one? Call Fr. _____? _____ to find out how you can make a big difference in educating our seminarian students.

October 1, 2017

(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- The first son in today’s Gospel said he would do his father’s bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?
- Stewardship Thought: If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities, and spiritual lives will definitely change.
- Have you made your Will? The State of North Dakota has made one for you – which may not distribute your estate according to your wishes. For your protection and security of your heirs, consult an attorney about making out your Will.